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Title: STEP-IN SNOWBOARD BINDING AND BOOT THEREFOR

AMENDMENT A

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2001, in the above-identified application, please amend the application to read as follows:

In the Claims:

57. (Amended) A boot comprising:
- a flexible highback portion located at the rear of the boot;
 - medial and lateral side cable members on the boot for urging the highback portion forwardly along medial and lateral sides thereof; and
 - a tension adjustment member connected to the cable members for altering the length of said cable members, to provide more or less forward lean of the boot relative to a vertical line.
58. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 57, wherein forward ends of said medial and lateral side cables attach to a forward portion of the boot on a location at one side of the boot.
59. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 58, wherein said location is on a medial side of the boot.
60. (Amended) A boot according to Claim 57, wherein said tension adjustment member comprises an engaging arm pivotally attached to a rear portion of the boot.

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